



Oklahoma Diagnostic Laboratory COVID-19 Frequently Asked Question's

As of March 31, 2020

- Q.** Do you have swabs or transport medium you can send to hospitals and clinics?
- A.** No. We handle the diagnostics testing only. We do not have any specimen collection kits or supplies.
- Q.** How do we submit samples to you for testing?
- A.** Please refer to the Oklahoma Diagnostic Laboratory <insert link to file> submission instruction sheet.
- Q.** Do you require specific collection criteria or only accept certain brands of swabs?
- A.** We follow CDC guidelines for sample collection. Further information can be found [here](#).
- Q.** What type of transport medium do you require?
- A.** Currently the CDC has approved the use of a transport tube containing either viral transport medium, Amies transport medium, or sterile saline as discussed [here](#). We will accept and run diagnostics on swabs received using any of these mediums.
- Q.** Do you limit your testing for certain screening criteria/symptoms?
- A.** No. We are a diagnostic laboratory only and are not authorized to mandate symptom requirements for testing. The practitioner must follow their guidelines for specimen collection, however we will test all samples received from appropriate sources.
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Q. How are samples received at your laboratory?

A. We have contracted with SureXpress as a statewide courier. We will receive the samples within the same day as pickup. If you would like added to our courier route for routine pick up, please Stephanie Powers at Stephanie.r.powers@okstate.edu.

We will also accept samples from clinics, doctors and other practitioners if you'd like to deliver them to our facility. We will NOT be accepting any individuals' samples at this time; they must be collected, handled and arrive directly from a practitioner's office.

Q. What is your turnaround time for test results?

A. 24 hours from receipt of samples from the courier.

Q. How will test results be received?

A. Positive results will be submitted to the Oklahoma State Department of Health through PHIDDO. Results of all samples submitted, both positive and negative, will be faxed back to the number on the requisition form.

Q. Are you a CLIA certified laboratory?

A. Yes, housed within the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, the Oklahoma Diagnostic Laboratory is fully licensed for human testing under CLIA #37D2180955.

